

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has offered to invest 1 billion to rebuild and improve National Highways in India;

(b) if so, whether any proposal had been sent to the World Bank in this regard;

(c) if so, the time by which the assistance is likely to be received; and

(d) the details of National Highways to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Sardar Sarovar Project

5602. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government with regard to provide 100 crore rupees for the completion of Sardar Sarovar Yojana during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said amount would be provided; and

(c) the concrete steps taken or being taken so as to complete the scheme as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Central loan assistance of Rs. 95 crores was approved for Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme during 1996-97. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 71.25 crores was released and the said amount was fully utilised by the State Government.

(c) State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are to contribute their share of funds from their budgets for scheduled completion of the project. In addition, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is being continued in 1997-98 also.

Committee for Shipping Policy

5603. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up a High Powered Committee to formulate New Shipping Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof with composition, terms of reference etc. of the committee;

(c) the time by which the Committee is likely to complete the assignment; and

(d) the details of major policy decision taken during 1996-97 on Surface Transport Policy and proposal under consideration for 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to consider the issues raised by the shipping industry from time to time and to formulate a National Shipping Policy, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Shipping has been formed which will submit its report by the end of June, 1997. Its composition and terms of reference are given in the attached statement.

(d) During 1996-97, procedure for acquisition of vessels was further simplified. In the current year (1997-98) 10 categories of ships viz. bulk carriers, tankers, dredgers etc. have been brought under the Open General Licence (OGL) from the restricted category.

Statement

Government of India
Ministry of Surface Transport
(Shipping Wing)

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Office Memorandum

Subject : Constitution of National Shipping Policy Committee.

In order to consider the issues raised by the Indian Shipping Industry from time to time and to formulate a national Shipping Policy, it has been decided to constitute a National Shipping Policy Committee to be headed by Director General (Shipping). The composition of the Committee and terms of reference would be as under :-

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| (i) Shri M.P. Pinto, | Chairman |
| DG (Shipping) | |
| (ii) Shri A.K. Rastogi, | Member |
| Joint Secretary (Shipping) | |
| (iii) Shri K.V. Rao, | |
| Joint Secretary (Ports) or his representative. | |
| (iv) Shri T.V. Shanbhag, | Member |
| Chief Controller of Chartering | |
| (v) Shri P.K. Srivastava, | Member |
| C.M.D., SCI. | |
| (vi) Shri B.L. Mehta, President INSA. | Member |
| (vii) Shri Rohit Tolani, | Member |
| Tolani Shipping, Mumbai, | |

- (viii) Shri N.C. Singhal, Member
Former Vice Chairman, SCICI Ltd.
- (ix) Shri Mohan Rao, Member
Executive Director,
Vipur Shipping & Treasurer
Shipyards Association of India (SAI)
- (x) Dr. Leo Barnes, Member
General Secretary, NUSI, Mumbai
- (xi) Shri Praveen Agarwal, Member
Deputy Director General (S) Secretary
- (xii) Any other member may be co-opted
by the Chairman

2. Terms of Reference :

- (1) To define and evaluate the role of shipping in the transport infrastructure of the country;
- (2) To identify measures for developing the national merchant fleet with special reference to the fiscal and other incentives, cargo and allied support mechanisms/required for Indian flag vessels.
- (3) To details the measures called for the modernisation of the national fleet having regard to developments in the international maritime field.
- (4) To recommend methods for integrating the growth and development of the shipping industry with the development of ports infrastructure.
- (5) In the context of the increasingly important role envisaged for the shipping industry in the overall development of the economy, to detail a strategy for manpower development, marine education and training which would ensure adequate manpower both for Indian Shipping as also to meet the increasing demands of the world maritime industry.
- (6) To recommend measures to increase the employment of Indian seafarers would-wide through suitable placement agencies that would insulate them from exploitative employment practices.
- (7) To consider and recommended measures for development of coastal shipping and study of the investment aspect for creating requisite capacity and deployment of suitable type of vessels for coastal shipping.
- (8) To recommend any changes that may be

required in existing legislation relating to shipping to ensure the balanced and all round development of the industry.

(9) Any other matter of importance.

3. The Chairman of the Committee is requested to submit the report within two months.

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(R. MUKUNDAN)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Promotion of Sanskrit

5604. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are proposals sent by the Government of West Bengal for the propagation and promotion of Sanskrit, Hindi, Nepali and Padri languages and literature of approval; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Transfer of Property and Royalty for Defence Forces

5605. SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of those persons who have transferred their property and royalty on their books and other writings in the name of defence forces of the country;

(b) the income being accrued by the forces therefrom;

(c) whether the Government has been authorised to sell the copy rights of any of the individuals to a private company for a certain amount; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss suffered by the Government therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.